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8	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT			
9	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA			
10	SAN JOSE DIVISION			
11	AL DEPTH A DOGE TO TEC	Case No.	C-07-04421 - JW	
12	ALBERTA ROSE JONES			
13	Plaintiff,	MOTIO	N TO REMAND TO THE	
	v.	SUPERI	OR COURT OF THE STATE OF	
14	KELKRIS ASSOCIATES, INC. DBA		RNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO, E NO. FCM093334; OR, IN THE	
15	CREDIT BUREAU ASSOCIATES,		NATIVE, TO DISMISS	
16	KATHRYN A. PARSON, TERRY A. DUREE, LINDA G. ASHCRAFT,	Date:	October 29, 2007	
17	MICHAÉL MATTHEWS, MOES PROCESS SERVING, AVA E. WILLIAMS, WENDY	Time: Place:	9:00 a.m. Federal Building	
	A. GETTÝ, PATRICIA COLEMAN, JOAN	Tacc.	280 South First Street	
18	CRAWFORD, KARL PHILLIPS, WILLIAM C. HARRISON, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.,		San Jose, CA Courtroom 8, 4th Flr.	
19	BARBARA BOXER, UNITED STATES OF		Hon. James Ware	
20	AMERICA AND DOES 1-100.			
21	Defendants.			
22	(As incorrectly captioned on the Notice of Removal by State Court Defendant			
23	Alberta Rose Jones' Notice of Removal)			
24	KELKRIS ASSOCIATES, INC., d.b.a. CI	REDIT BUI	REAU ASSOCIATES ("KelKris"), the	
25	actual plaintiff in the state court action that is the subject of the August 27, 2007 Notice of Removal, and			
26	other persons not parties to the removed State Court	Action inco	orrectly listed as defendants in the Notice	

BRET YAPPLE (collectively "Movants"), who make a special appearance in this case as set forth below,

of Removal, consisting of KATHRYN A. PARSONS, President of KelKris, TERRY A. DUREE and

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- file this Motion to Remand to the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Solano, Case No. 1 FCM093334; and, in the Alternative, to Dismiss any new federal proceeding which Alberta Rose Jones 2 may have commenced with the filing of the Notice of Removal as follows, 3
 - Notice of Motion: Hearing on this motion will occur on October 29, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable James Ware, United States District Judge, at 280 South First Street, San Jose, California, Courtroom 8, Fourth floor.
 - Statement of Relief Requested: Remand of California Superior Court Case KelKris Associates, 2. Inc. DBA Credit Bureau Associates v. Alberta Rose Jones, Donald D. Jones, Case No. FCM093334, and the dismissal of any new federal proceeding which Alberta Rose Jones purports to have commenced with respect to each of the Movants by the filing of the Notice of Removal.
 - ALBERTA ROSE JONES ("Jones") and her husband Donald D. Jones are defendants in the state law debt collection action filed March 15, 2006, filed by KelKris as Plaintiff in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Solano, Case No. FCM093334. True and correct copies of the summons and complaint in the State Court Action are collectively attached as Exhibit "A" to the Declaration of Terry A. Duree filed and incorporated herein by this reference.
 - Proofs of service demonstrating that Jones and Donald D. Jones were served with these 4. documents are collectively attached as Exhibit "B" to the Declaration of Terry A. Duree filed and served herewith.
 - KelKris is a collection agency which was assigned a non-consumer obligation from the County 5. of Solano and ultimately filed the State Court Action when other collection attempts had been unsuccessful.
 - Neither Jones, nor her husband Donald D. Jones, the only defendants in the State Court Action, 6. answered the complaint. On June 15, 2006, the Clerk of the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, entered the default of Jones and Donald D. Jones. A true and correct copy of the Request for Default in the State Court Action is attached as Exhibit "C" to the Declaration of Terry A. Duree filed and served herewith. The proof of service, signed under penalty of perjury filed with the Request for Default in the State court Action, Exhibit "C" attached to the Declaration of Terry A. Duree, stating that the Request for Default was mailed to Jones and Donald D. Jones on May 25, 2006, at the same address

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- as appears on the Notice of Removal.
- On June 15, 2006, a Judgment was entered by the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of 2 7.
- California, County of Solano, for KelKris against Jones and Donald D. Jones. A true and correct copy 3
 - of the Judgment in the State Court Action is attached as Exhibit "D" to the Declaration of Terry A.
- Duree filed and incorporated herein by this reference. 5
- Abstracts of Judgment were subsequently filed in Santa Clara, Monterey, and Solano Counties, 6 8.
- true and correct copies of which are collectively attached as Exhibit "E" to the Declaration of Terry A. 7
- Duree, filed and served herewith. 8
- On July 12, 2007, a Civil Subpoena and Application and Order for Appearance and Examination 9 9.
- (Attachment-Enforcement of Judgment) of Jones, was filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of the 10
- State of California, County of Solano in connection with enforcement of the Judgment obtained by 11
- KelKris in the State Court Action. True and correct copies of the Subpoena and Application are 12
 - collectively attached as Exhibit "F" to the Declaration of Terry A. Duree filed and served herewith. A
- proof of service, signed under penalty of perjury, indicating that the Application and Order for 14
 - Appearance and Examination was personally served of Jones on July 30, 2007, appears on Application
- and Order for Appearance and Examination. 16
- On August 28, 2007, Jones appeared at the time and place scheduled for the Order of 17 10.
- Examination in the State Court Action. At that time, Jones advised KelKris and the State Court that she 18
- was removing the State Court Action to the Federal Court and that no further proceedings could occur 19
- in the State Court. 20
- On August 27, 2007, after the entry of judgment in the State Court Action, Jones filed the Notice 21 11.
- of Removal with the United States District Court. Notwithstanding the fact that she was removing the 22
- State Court Action which is captioned KelKris Associates, Inc. DBA Credit Bureau Associates v. 23
- Alberta Rose Jones, Donald D. Jones, Case No. FCM093334, Jones altered the caption to incorrectly 24
- list KelKris, the plaintiff in the removed State Court Action, as a defendant; list numerous persons as 25
- "defendants" who are not parties to the State Court Action; and to incorrectly list Alberta Rose Jones 26
- and Donald D. Jones (who has not signed the Notice of Removal) as the "plaintiffs." (Notice of 27

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- Removal, pages 1, 9), as plaintiffs in the removed State Court Action. (Notice of Removal, page 1). 1
- The filing of the Notice of Removal is both procedurally and substantively defective and 2 12. 3 improper.
 - Kathryn A. Parsons, Terry A. Duree and Bret Yapple are not parties to the State Court Action 13. and each of these three Movants should be dismissed from any proceedings relating to the State Court Action and the Notice of Removal.
 - Though Jones states in her Notice of Removal that she disputes having been served with the 14. compliant in the State Court Action, Jones has not availed herself of the rights and procedures available under California State law to vacate a judgment if the entry of such judgment by the State court was improper.
 - Jones' Notice of Removal includes statements concerning her civil rights, due process rights, and 15. rights under Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.), California tort laws and "debt collection practices act," but contains no statements that she has sought any relief pursuant to the applicable State Law when a party believes that a judgment may have been improperly entered and should be vacated.
 - Jones has failed to timely remove the State Court Action within the 30-day time period as 16. required under 28 U.S.C.§ 1446(b).
 - Jones Notice of Removal fails to contain a short and plain statement of the grounds in the State 17. court Complaint upon which removal may be taken to the District Court as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(a).
 - The Notice of Removal does not allege that removal to this District Court is based upon 18. Diversity.
 - In the absence of Diversity, a civil action filed in state court may properly be removed only if the 19. claims in the State Court Action are founded on a claim or right arising under the Constitution, treaties

¹ Though the Notice of Removal purports to have been filed by Jones and her husband, there is nothing in the pleadings to indicate that Jones is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California or otherwise authorized to represent any other person in any court action.

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- or laws of the United States as provided in 28 U.S.C. §1441(b).
- The State Court Complaint, Exhibit "A" attached to the declaration of Terry A. Duree, does not 20. include any claims which are founded on a claim or right as required in 28 U.S.C. §1441.
- Movants seek an order from the Court requiring that Jones pay such just costs and actual 21. expenses incurred in connection with the Notice of Removal, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1447(c), which gives the Court such authority.
- In the alternative, should the Court treat the Notice of Removal as an original action in the United 22. States District Court, the action should be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6),
- For failure to state a claim for which relief can be granted due to Jones failure a. to alleged sufficient facts as against any or each of the Movants in a well plead complaint for causes of action founded on a claim or right arising under the Constitution, treaties or laws of the United States, or
- For attempting to conduct in Federal Court a post-judgment review of a judgment b. entered by the California Superior Court in violation of the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine.
- In the alternative, should the Court treat the Notice of Removal as an original action in the United 23. States District Court, the action should be dismissed pursuant to the doctrine of Federal court abstention outlined by the United States Supreme Court in Younger v. Harris 401 U.S. 37 (1971).

WHEREFORE, Movants respectfully request that the Court remand the California State Court Action KelKris Associates, Inc. DBA Credit Bureau Associates v. Alberta Rose Jones, Donald D. Jones, Case No. FCM093334, back to the Solano County Superior Court, and to dismiss all and each of the Moyants, with the exception of KelKris, from any further proceedings in this court relating to Jones Notice of Removal. Movants seek an order requiring payment by Jones of such just costs and actual expenses incurred in connection with the Notice of Removal. In the alternative, should the Court construe the Notice of Removal as an original action, the Movants respectfully request that the action be dismissed.

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Dated: 9/17/07	By Romald H. Sargis Attorneys for KELKRIS ASSOCIATES, INC., DBA CREDIT BUREAU ASSOCIATES, KATHRYN A. PARSONS, TERRY A. DUREE, and BRET YAPPLE